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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
CASE NO. 99,829-A

In Re Application of:
T.G. Dinan
Serial No.: 09/687,384
Filed: October 13, 2000
Title: Treatment and prevention
of gastrointestinal disease
using antagonists or partial
Agonists of 5HT1a receptors

Examiner: Donna A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit: 1614

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 31, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action of December 31, 2001, please reconsider the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

A Three-Month Extension of Time for filing the Response is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 2

Amend Claim 1, 3 and 5 as follows:

A marked-up version of the amended claim is attached as Appendix A.

A clean copy of all pending claims is attached as Appendix B.

AI B Sub C/ 1. (Amended) A method for preventing and treating gastrointestinal disease ^{comprising administering} ~~means of administration of~~ an effective amount of racemic RS pindolol ^{or 5(-)-pindolol} or a salt thereof ^{as a subject in need thereof}